

**A**s we move into the Pioneer Day Holiday week, there is still significant concern about the use of fireworks statewide. Legal fireworks are again allowed for use between July 21 and July 27, except in brush-covered forested and mountainous areas, and all unincorporated lands throughout the state. Recent rain was a welcome reprieve from the extreme heat and dryness we have been experiencing, but fire danger remains high. We urge you to use common sense and exercise great caution with fireworks.

- 1) If you live near a dry grassy field, heavy landscape vegetation (bushes/trees) or agricultural crop that could easily ignite from a mis-directed firework, please discharge your fireworks at one of the following locations: Rock Creek Park, Founder's Park, Centennial Park, and Bluff Ridge Park.
- 2) Always have a water hose or bucket ready to douse flame or sparks that hit the ground.
- 3) Remember that Aerial Fireworks will travel 150 feet or higher and could drift a considerable distance depending on direction of travel and wind conditions. If there is any measurable wind at all, please choose a different time to use your fireworks.

**W**e believe with responsible use we can have a safe fireworks experience in Syracuse this year. Please help us keep fireworks-related problems to a minimum by following safe practice this summer.